

# Weathering Change 2.0

Climate Outreach Roundtable

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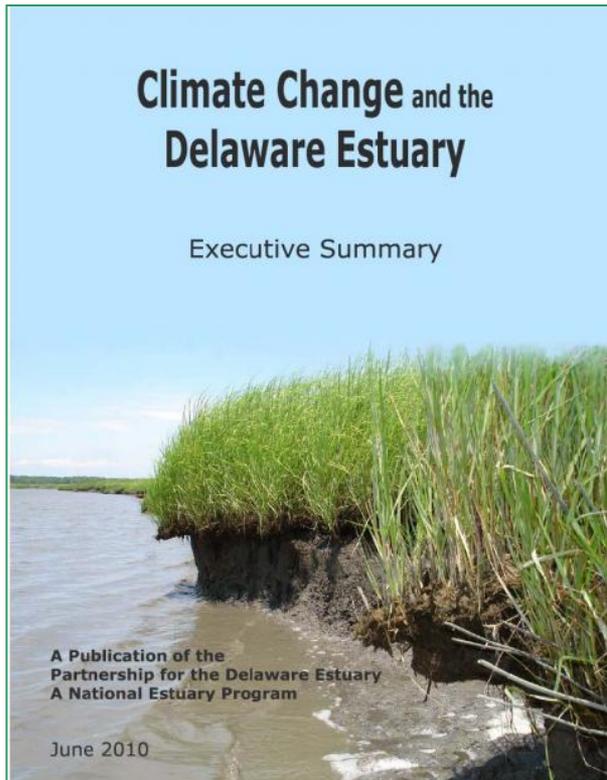
PDE is updating its Weathering Change program, and we'd like your feedback.



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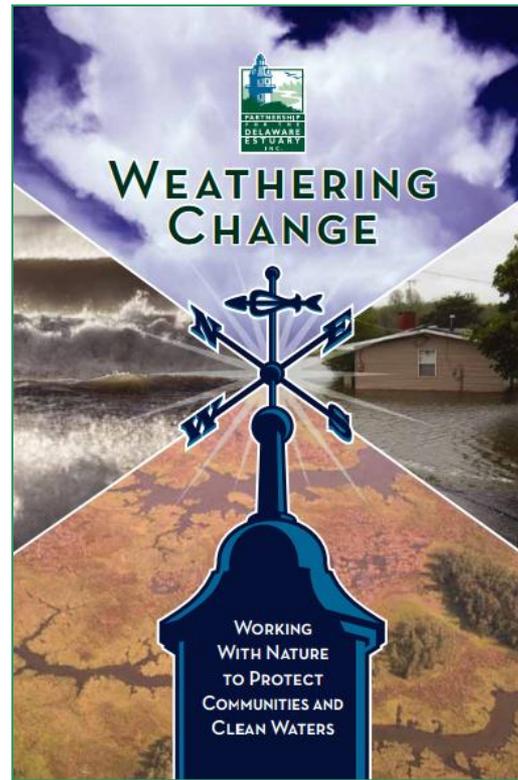
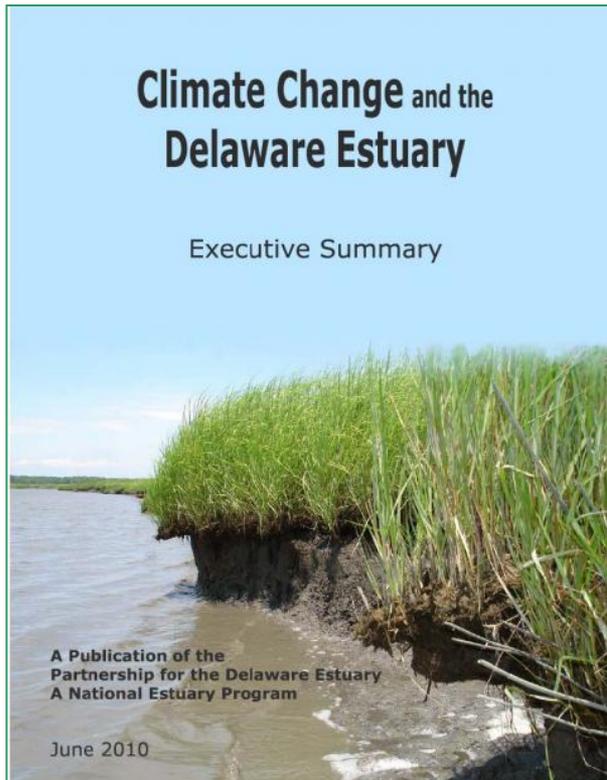
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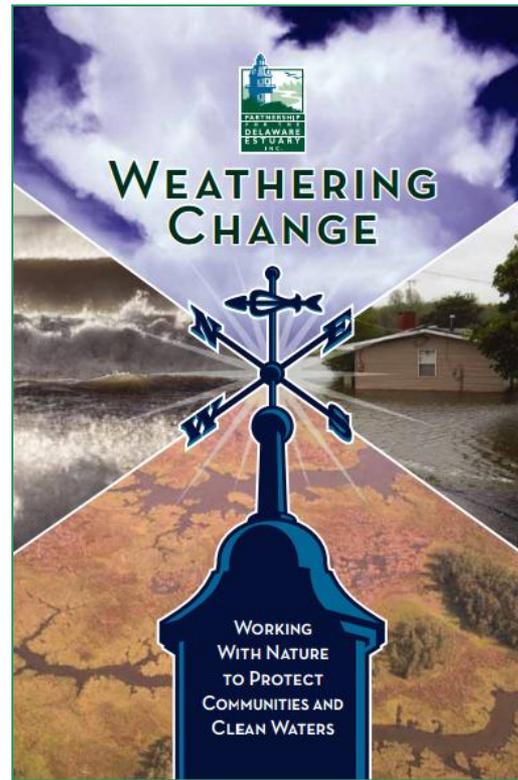
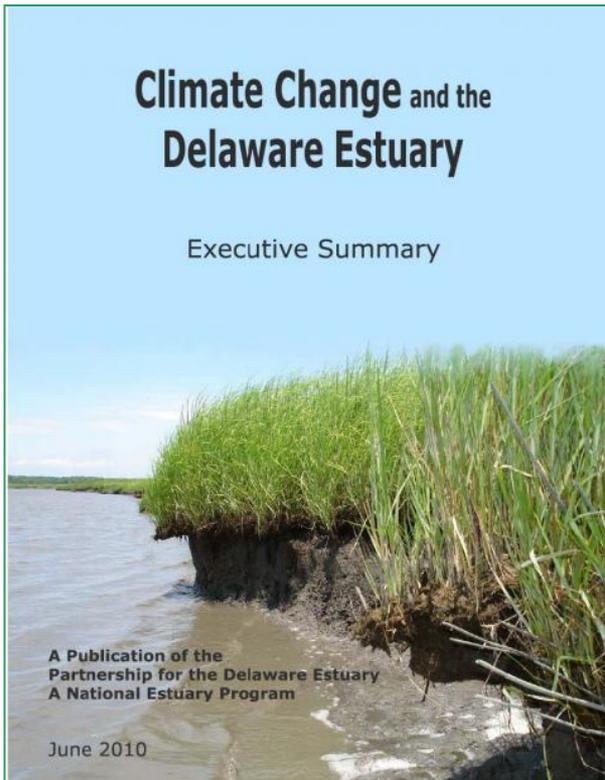
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### Take Action for Weathering Change

Conditions in the Delaware Estuary watershed are changing. More frequent and severe rain, storms and flooding, hot and dry spells in the summer, and higher tides in coastal areas are all on the rise. If we work together to respond to these changes, we can create safer communities, protect our built infrastructure, and preserve the natural areas we rely on for clean water and healthy communities.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a representative of \_\_\_\_\_ am committed to:

- **Identifying built infrastructure at risk in the community.** (Infrastructure at risk includes roads, water systems, and structures in low-lying and/or flood-prone areas.)
- **Identifying the natural assets in the community that are most important and/or at risk.** (Natural features like tidal wetlands, floodplains, and forested streambanks can help protect communities from impacts, but are also at risk.)
- **Identifying actions my community can take to adjust to changes.** (Actions like setting back infrastructure from wetlands, floodplains and streams, and promoting healthy streamside forests and tidal wetlands can help communities minimize risk.)
- **Helping my community plan for the future.** (Educating residents and addressing changing conditions in plans and ordinances as they are updated can help prepare communities for change.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable: This statement corresponds with municipal resolution \_\_\_\_\_, as passed \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary will feature all signees on its website.**  
Please check the boxes below for additional offers.

Yes, my community would like to be eligible for additional public recognition organized by the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, such as press releases.

Yes, my community wants help weathering change! Please contact me so I can learn more. My email is \_\_\_\_\_, and my phone number is \_\_\_\_\_.

The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary is a nonprofit organization established to take a leadership role in protecting and enhancing the Delaware Estuary, where fresh water from the Delaware River mixes with salt water from the Atlantic Ocean. Its staff works with partners in three states to increase awareness, understanding, and scientific knowledge of the Delaware Estuary, the region's most important cultural, economic, and recreational.



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## Original Program

- Communities need to sign on to “Take Action For Weathering Change!” and commit to basic efforts toward climate adaptation
- Signed-on communities were featured in a 2012 *Out of Harm’s Way* conference, in *Estuary News*, and were eligible for future collaborations

## Updated Program

- Communities are identified and recognized for existing or ongoing climate adaptation efforts (physical projects or programmatic initiatives)
- Recognized communities and their projects/initiatives will be featured in *Estuary News*, added to the PDE website, promoted using social media, and will be eligible for future collaborations

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- Hope to generate...
  - Case studies
  - Interviews
  - A list of opportunities for climate adaptation projects
- Long term outcomes...
  - Webpage populated with case studies and interviews
  - Printed outreach pieces
  - On-the-ground projects with the Weathering Change communities or with municipalities inspired by the showcase projects

What do you think?

